

REMARKS

Applicant cancels claims 18, 23-25, 28-31, and 42-44 without prejudice. Claims 1-12, 14-16, and 20-21 have previously been canceled. Claims 13, 17, 19, 22, 26-27, 32-41, and 45 are now pending in this application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 41.33(b)(1), Applicant cancels claims 18, 23-25, 28-31, and 42-44 to remove them from consideration for the Appeal filed on September 4, 2008, the bases for which are provided in the Appeal Brief filed concurrently herewith. Applicant requests that the claim cancellation be admitted for the Appeal.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 19 and 32.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

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